

Amendment to the claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method of producing ~~the polishing agent of~~
~~claim 1~~ a polishing agent for polishing a surface of a target object, said polishing agent
comprising mother particles and abrading particles on surfaces of said mother particles, said
method comprising the step of adding said mother particles into a polishing liquid in which
said abrading particles are dispersed and the step of stirring together said mother particles
and said polishing liquid.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of using ~~the polishing agent of claim~~
~~1~~ a polishing agent comprising mother particles and abrading particles on surfaces of said
mother particles and a ~~polishing means~~ lapping plate to polish said target object; said method
comprising the steps of;

supplying a specified amount of said polishing agent between said ~~polishing means~~
lapping plate and said target object to be polished; and

causing said ~~polishing means~~ lapping plate to rotate at a specified rotational speed so
as to move relative to said target object while keeping said ~~polishing means~~ lapping plate
practically in contact with said target object while a lapping process is carried out on said
target object.

Claims 6-9 (canceled).